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Commander 'C' (H.Q. Ops) thro' C.2.

C.I. Report

Boys of "Dullin"

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7¹⁰/68

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- (a) Send copy 1A/B with letter 6a to the D.of P.P.
- (b) Chief Superintendent C.I.
- Referred please.

C.2.
7.10.68.BL.

[Signature]
A.C.C.



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Commander 'C' (H.Q. Ops) thro' C.2.

C.I. Report

8A.

Statement of E.N. Egginton

8B.

Boys of pamphlet

8C.

Boys message

8D.

Enclosure

8E.

[P.T.O.]

a.
M.P.
17¹⁰/68

Chief Superintendent, C.O.C.I.

Give Marriage ... 1A
Letter for ... 1B
on closing ...

Chief Sup C.I.
Referred please for action as on 18.
c.i. 26.7.68.

J. J. ...
for Acc.

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Commander C.I. (HQ Op) (C.I.)

c.i. Report

3A

3B

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c.i.
2/6/68

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a) Two copies 3A-3C taken to D. of P.P. ...
2.5 p on 2/8/68 by D.C. Insp Thompson

b) Ch. Sup C.I. (Hq. Comd' C. (HQ Op))

Referred pte

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Corres. No.

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Minute
Sheet No.

No. 477

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G.R. F.2.17A
Letter from H.O.17B
Copy letter from B.M. Birnberg 17C
Report on DOLO1D
C.1. Report17E
List of Charges17F
Copy letter17G
F. 60917H

18

- a) Send letter 18A to H.O. with
copies of 17E-17G.
b) Ch. Supt. C.1.
Referred please.



C.2.
30/1/69/P.
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for A.C.C. *[Signature]*

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G.R. In 2 ——— 19A
Letter & doc. for H.O. ——— 19B re.

Acc. (C.2)

Seen and noted in co. C.1.
May these papers now be p.a. please.

[Signature] Sup. Incident,
for [P.T.O.]
Chief Superintendent, C.O.C.I.

c.
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M.P.

... Egbuna, whom they look upon as the leader of Black Power in this country.

19. Prior to his arrest Dolo was employed as an insurance agent on a commission basis by the International Life Insurance Company Limited, 17A Curzon Street, London, W.1. It is proper to say whilst actively engaged his weekly earnings were an average of £40. He obtained this by selling insurance to coloured persons. However, for at least two months before his arrest he had ceased to operate and the firm were going to dispense with his services and therefore his arrest did not influence their ultimate decision.

20. During the trial when giving evidence on his own behalf Dolo told the Court that he earned his living in addition to his insurance transactions by selling pamphlets of Black Power to members.

21. (d) Legal costs and sundry expenses.

I have made enquiries at the Central Criminal Court and Dolo's defence was on a Legal Aid Certificate issued at Great Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court. It is known, however, and this has been verified, that Mr. Sammy Davis Junior, a coloured entertainer, gave £5,000 to the Black Power Movement and it is most

Probable, as reported in the National Press, that this money was for the defence of the three prisoners.

22. Dolo, at the time of his arrest, refused any antecedent history and the formidable list of his attainments supplied by his solicitors have not been verified as they are, of course, not in this country. It is fair to say, however, he has done limited social work in this country on behalf of his coloured friends, but not to the extent as indicated.

23. To summarise, it will be apparent that the application prepared by solicitors on behalf of Dolo is grossly inflated and materially incorrect; being cognisant with all the facts of this case, Dolo was indeed a fortunate man to be acquitted. He was well represented by Mr. Hazan of Counsel and the latter's advocacy played an important part in his client's acquittal, coupled with that of Mr. Davies becoming confused when giving evidence. I feel that this application for compensation has resulted from advice being given to Dolo and that he had no intentions of doing so himself in the first instance.

24. I ask that this report be forwarded to

METROPOLITAN POLICE

No. 700

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMENDATION OR REWARD

SPECIAL
REPORT

REFERENCE
TO PAPERS

203/68/74

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Station

C.O.

Dec

1968

13th JANUARY

Name of person, office and rank of case

Benedict Obi ROBINSON & Peter MARTIN for Conspiracy to murder Police Officers. ROBINSON - 12 mths. Imprisonment suspended for 3 yrs; MARTIN - Bound Over in sum of £50 for three years.

Disposed of at CENTRAL CRIMINAL CT. on 10th December, 1968

Officer(s) concerned (in rank and Div. No. order):

Rank (See Note below)	Div. and Warrant No.	Christian names, surname and decorations, etc. (if any)	Divn.	Date of joining	Date of last commendation
D.S.1	143965	Gerald EDGE (Now 'T' Divn)		5.11.56	5.9.57 (Commr.)
D.S.2	141699	Dennis SEYMOUR	C.1.	23.5.55	26.5.68 (Commr.)
D.S.2	146821	Michael SLATTERY	C.1.	8.9.58	25.9.59 (Commr.)
D.S.2	142802	Alan O'ROURKE	C.1.	27.2.56	12.2.62 (Commr.)
D.S.2	143358	Peter ELLIOTT	C.1.	25.6.56	27.8.68 (Commr.)
D.S.2	146074	Michael COCKSON (Now 'C' Divn)		3.3.58	18.5.66 (Commr.)
D.S.2	142679	Kenneth HOARE	S.B.	30.1.56	1958 (Commr.)

Private person commended: -

On or off duty: On duty

Injured on duty: -

Whether commended at Court and
if so, name of Court or Courts

Central Criminal Court; also by
Director of Public Prosecutions.

Particulars of case and reason for commendation or reward

The facts of this case are fully reported in relevant correspondence quoted, but, of course, there are many other facets which are not mentioned because they are not evidential.

NOTE.—In the case of a C.I.D. Sergeant, "1st Class" or "2nd Class" is to be inserted where applicable.
(Continue account if necessary)

The 'Black Panther' Party was a comparatively new militant group, whose prior aims were to cause discontent amongst coloured persons and thereby civil disobedience, violence would be used against both the police and the public.

This is clearly supported by evidence found in their possession, i.e. a formula for an explosive and a saboteurs book traced to EGBUNA. Further, it was also known that they were training in the use of explosives and firearms and although a cache was known to exist to date it has not been found. Had this militant group really put into operation its plans, there is no doubt there would have been serious consequences, possibly resulting in the loss of life or serious injury. The arrest of EGBUNA and MARTIN has, at this stage any way, put the party in confusion and it is not likely to resurrect for many months to come.

The members of the 'Black Panther' Party were the subject of prior investigation and observation and everyone of the officers mentioned showed outstanding enthusiasm and detective ability and it is right to say that a considerable amount of useful information was obtained. It is right to mention that there was excellent co-operation between Special Branch and the Passport Squad and Detective Sergeant Hoare of Special Branch was outstanding and worked continuously in the relevant enquiries.

During the trial the officers worked most diligently to find evidence to rebut the many ruses the prisoners employed to throw doubt on police and Mr. Davis's evidence. On more than one occasion, Mr. Cousins, Senior Treasury Counsel made comment to me of the keenness and efficiency of the officers concerned.

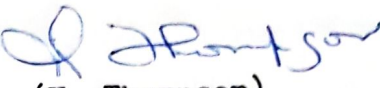
Detective Sergeant ELLIOTT and Detective Sergeant COOKSON in particular were subjected to severe cross-examination and serious allegations of perjury and assault were made against them by Defending Counsel: as was to be expected they acted with dignity and their conduct in the witness box was a credit to the Force.

I have had the benefit of first-hand experience of the work of these officers in this investigation and I can say they all acted with outstanding enthusiasm, detective ability and devotion to duty.

Judge Aarvold at the conclusion of the case commended all the officers concerned and a copy of his comments is annexed to these papers. A letter has also been received from The Director of Public Prosecutions, who asks that he be associated with the comments of the Recorder.

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I bring the action of these officers to notice with a view to them being commended.


(K. Thompson)
Detective Chief Inspector

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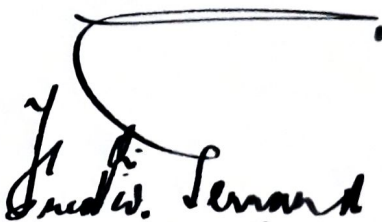
To A.C.C. (Through Commander H.Q. OPERATIONS).

This case called for initiative, resourcefulness, tact, a high degree of patience, professional competency and discretion.

All the officers shown overleaf displayed all these qualities in their fullest measure. Energetic action was called for, but because of the politically explosive atmosphere of the whole case, the energy had to be properly controlled and directed.

Detective Chief Inspector Thompson and the officers working with him timed their efforts and limited their action to a nicety and without doubt well earned the commendatory remarks of both the Recorder of London and the Director of Public Prosecutions.

I recommend that they each be commended by the Commissioner.


(F. Gerard)
Detective Chief Superintendent

14/1/69
C.1.

Central Officer's
Special Report

SUBJECT Threats
to murder a
Police Officer

Reference to Papers

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METROPOLITAN POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

New Scotland Yard.

1 day of January, 1969

To Detective Chief Superintendent

With further reference to correspondence marginally quoted. Between the 26th November, 1968, and 10th December 1968, O. B. Benedick EGBUNA, Gideon DOLO and Peter MARTIN all men of colour appeared at the Central Criminal Court charged with offences of conspiracy to utter a document threatening to murder Police officers in Hyde Park, London.

During the course of the trial, Sir Dingle Foot, Q.C. on behalf of Martin alleged that the Lincolnshire Police whom it will be remembered effected the arrest of this prisoner at the request of the Metropolitan Police made disparaging remarks such as, "You nigger." "You are black magic", and dragged him handcuffed across ploughed fields causing him extreme physical discomfort and further the Lincolnshire Police had refused him food prior to the escorts arrival from London.

Counsel proceeded in a similar strain and accused Detective Sergeant Elliott and Cookson, the escorting officers, of extracting a written statement under caution made by Martin for the use of Police and threatened to use a truncheon on his head if he refused to sign it.

Mr. Cousin, prosecuting counsel because of this allegation decided to call officers from Lincolnshire to rebut where possible what had been alleged.

Accordingly on the 9th December, 1968, Inspectors Fenwick, and Keeling, Police Sergeants Sharp and Waller, Police Constables Matthews, Wells and Miller of the Lincolnshire Police attended the Central Criminal Court and gave evidence. Although each witness was subjected to lengthy cross examination by Sir Dingle Foot, Q.C., it became blatantly clear that the allegations were completely false. It is right to make mention that the Lincolnshire Police officers gave their evidence most fairly and efficiently. This being so endorsed by the judge in his summing up of the evidence.

The jury after this long and somewhat complicated trial were only absent to consider their verdict for 40 minutes and found Egbuna and Martin 'Guilty' of all counts but acquitted Dolo because of the unreliability of the evidence of Davis a private witness. Egbuna was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended for 3 years, and Martin was bound over in the sum of £50 for 3 years.

I ask that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Chief Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary, for his information and that he be thanked for the valuable assistance rendered by his officers in this matter.


(K. Thompson)

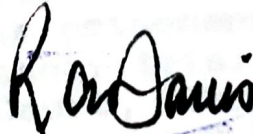
Detective Chief Inspector

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Commander 'C' (H.Q. Ops) thro' C.2.

Submitted.

'A' recommended. Please see H.D.



Superintendent.

Chief Superintendent, C.O.C.1

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C-17
Central Officer's
Special Report

SUBJECT Ob1
Benedict EGBUNA
and others.

Reference to Papers
203/68/74

METROPOLITAN POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,
New Scotland Yard,

15th day of October,

1968

To Detective Superintendent

63) Further to my report to the Director of Public Prosecutions dated 5th October, 1968 regarding the pamphlet issued by the Communist Party of Britain Marxist Leninist, Mr. McDermott of the Director of Public Prosecutions has asked that evidence of publication of the pamphlet be obtained and forwarded to him.

64) On 5th October, 1968 Woman Police Constable EGGINGTON of New Scotland Yard, went to 155 Portess Road, N.W.5 and there purchased a copy of the publication in question at a cost of six pence.

65) This address is the headquarters of the party, an organisation influenced by the Chinese Communist Party and not to be confused with the Communist Party of Great Britain which is Moscow inspired.

66) Reginald BIRCH, who has been expelled from the Communist Party of Great Britain, is the self styled president of the 'Marxist Leninist' party which he officially inaugurated about Easter, 1968. It is of interest to note that he also holds a high appointment with the A.E.F., formerly the A.E.U.

67) Very little is known about the party or its members except for one 'Ted' ROYCROFT, no other details available, who is a leading and active member.

68) I ask that this report and Miss EGGINGTON's statement be forwarded to The Director of Public Prosecutions, 12 Buckingham Gate, London S.W.1.

(G.V. Edge)
Detective Sergeant

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To Chief Superintendent

'A' recommended.

R. H. H. ref
Detective Superintendent

Submitted.

San Jones
Chief Superintendent, C.O.C.I.
for

17/10

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Statement of Eileen M. EGGINOTON.
 Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21.
 Occupation of Witness Woman Police Constable Wt. No. 2047.
 Address New Scotland Yard.

On Saturday 5th October 1968 at 10.45 am, I went to 155 Fortess Road, N.W.5. In the first room I entered there were political publications laid out for sale. There were two assistants, a woman aged between 55 and 60 years, height 5'3", thin build, grey hair, refined English accent and a man of Chinese appearance, aged about 35 years, height 5'7" and of medium build. I purchased the attached copy of 'Bulletin No. 6 Communist Party of Britain' from the male assistant, price 6d. *B. Heyington*

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 10th day of October, 1968.

(Signed) *B. Heyington*

Signature witnessed by.....

being unable to read the above statement of

read it to him before he signed it).

Dated the day of , 19

(Signed).....

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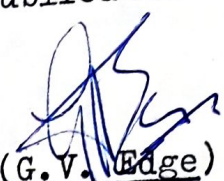
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From D. of P.P.
(Mr. McDermott)
Forwarded at

To 9th day of October, 1968
Ch. Sup't CO.C1.
Received at 3 p.m.

Thank you for your report regarding the publication by the Marxist Leninist Party. I am considering a prosecution in this case and would like evidence of publication. Can you also tell me anything about the party.


(G.V. Edge) Det. Sgt.

Signature

On Her Majesty's Service

ORIGINAL PAMPHLET

OBTAINED BY W.P.C. LEEINGTON.

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Purchased by me at 10.45am at 155 Fortess Rd, NW5.
on 5.10.68. Edlington Wbc.

sixpence



BULLETIN

COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN

MARXIST LENINIST

NO. 6

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6. ZIMBABWE LIBERATION.



(1)

STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA : A SUMMARY

On August 30th the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) issued a statement on Czechoslovakia. We hope all our members will study this, discuss the points it raises and distribute the statement widely.

We give below a summary of the major points to facilitate discussion.

- (1) The revisionist leaders of the Soviet Union have committed an act of imperialist aggression against the people of Czechoslovakia and are behaving like U.S. imperialists in Vietnam.
- (2) Soviet revisionists have been preaching peaceful coexistence and peaceful transition to disarm workers in their fight against Imperialism headed by U.S.A. and against monopoly capitalism. But when it comes to defending their own exploitation of Czechoslovakia they are willing to throw "peace" overboard.
- (3) Soviet excuses for their invasion of Czechoslovakia - that they are trying to defend "socialist gains" are false. In the first place they are interested in continuing their neo-colonial exploitation of Czechoslovakia based on a variety of unequal economic, political and military arrangements. Secondly there is not socialism left in Czechoslovakia. Long before Dubcek, under the Soviet stooge - Novotny - there was the same kind of liquidation of socialism and the restoration of capitalism as had earlier taken place inside the Soviet Union.
- (4) The root cause of Soviet revisionist aggression against Czechoslovakia is the betrayal of the October Revolution inside the Soviet Union from the time of Khrushchev. The dictatorship of the proletariat has been overthrown by bourgeois dictatorship masquerading as "the state of the whole people". Socialist foreign policy - proletarian internationalism - has been overthrown by imperialist domination.
- (5) The imperialist plans of the Soviet revisionist leaders require collaboration with the U.S. imperialists and these two imperialist powers are now busy trying to carve up the world into 2 spheres of influence. Hence the prior notice to Washington of Soviet intentions and also the token disapproval from the U.S. which is in a mess over its defeats in Vietnam.
- (6) The patched up compromise which the Dubcek revisionist clique has accepted will fool nobody. Only the workers of Czechoslovakia, following the brilliant examples of their fellow workers in Albania and China, can fight for the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat in Czechoslovakia.
- (7) Revisionism has been exposed over Soviet aggression against Czechoslovakia as never before. Therefore, it is the duty of all these persons still inside the sham C.P.G.B. who believe in Marxism-Leninism, to come out and join our efforts to raise the banner of Marxism for the revolution in Britain.

A Quotation to Raise Our Morale

"The people of all countries, the masses comprising more than ninety per cent of the entire population, sooner or later want revolution and will support Marxism-Leninism. They will not support revisionism. Though some people may support revisionism for a while, they will eventually cast it aside. They are bound to awaken gradually; they are bound to oppose the imperialists and reactionaries in all countries; they are bound to oppose revisionism."

(Mao Tse-tung)

Important statements Against Soviet aggression

In the last few days several important statements have been published by the Communist Parties of China and Albania denouncing the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet revisionist leadership. We draw our members' attention to some of these.

- (1) Statement issued by the Central Committee of the Albanian Party of Labour and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Albania on August 22nd.

In this statement the Albanian Party and Government condemn the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the military forces of the Soviet Union, Poland, G.D.R., Hungary and Bulgaria as a flagrant contravention of all norms governing the relations between states. The Czechoslovak tragedy originates from the 20th Congress of the C.P.S.U. "which threw overboard the Marxist-Leninist line of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of Lenin-Stalin, replacing it with the Khrushchev reactionary revisionist line which led to the revival of the revisionist forces also in Czechoslovakia..." The military occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet revisionists and their servants is a product of the collaboration between the Soviet revisionists and U.S. imperialists for global domination.

The Warsaw Pact is exposed by the Albanians as no longer a treaty to protect socialist countries from imperialist aggression and West German revanchism. Instead it has become "an aggressive treaty against the socialist countries themselves". The Albanian Party and Government condemn the Warsaw Pact and declare that whoever dares to violate Albania's frontiers, even if members of the Warsaw Pact, will be rebuffed and will meet with sure death from the Albanian people who are united as one around their party and government.

The Albanian people express their solidarity with their Czech brothers and offer their most determined internationalist support. They consider that the only way for salvation and freedom for the Czechoslovakian people is "the road of struggle without compromise and through to the end against the foreign invaders." Freedom can never be donated to any people but can only be gained through blood and sacrifice. The genuine Czechoslovakian revolutionary communists and freedom-loving Czechoslovakian people must rise up in struggle against the revisionist invaders and their internal enemies. In this struggle they will not be alone but will have the support of all revolutionary communists and freedom loving peoples in the world.

- (2) "Deal Made At Bayonet Point" - an article in the People's Daily dated August 30th.

This article analysis the so-called "Communique on Soviet-Czechoslovak Talks" issued in Moscow on August 27th. It describes it as a "dirty deal which the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has made at the point of its bayonet with the Czechoslovak revisionist renegade clique..." It is a fraud to hoodwin the Czechoslovakian people as well as people throughout the world. It exposes the high-sounding phrases use by the Soviet revisionists in the communique. For example the respect for "territorial integrity" professed by the Soviet leaders really means the occupation of Czechoslovakia by hundreds of thousands of Soviet troops. The communique talks glibly of safeguarding the "interests of the entire socialist community". But, says Peoples Daily, "The real meaning of this nonsensical statement is to maintain the colonial interests of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique in Eastern Europe". The plunder of these countries for the benefit of the Soviet revisionist clique is falsely labelled "interests of the entire socialist community" in exactly the same way as U.S. imperialism's plunder of countries under its domination is called "defence of the free world".

People's Daily describes this new imperialism of the Soviet revisionists as social-imperialism and gives its Leninist derivation. It was Lenin who first used the term to describe the revisionists of the Second International who betrayed their socialist principles by supporting the bourgeois imperialist states.

The Moscow communique is in large measure the result of U.S. direction. Johnson and Rusk have openly asked the Soviet revisionists to maintain "restraint" and not to use "excessive" measures against the Dubcek clique. "People can see clearly that both U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionist social-imperialism are playing power politics, using Czechoslovakia as a chip in their political bargaining. Both of them are the worst enemies of the Czechoslovak people".

People's Daily castigates the Czechoslovak revisionist clique which from the outset called on the people to refrain from armed resistance. Now Dubcek and Company have capitulated to the bayonets of the Soviet revisionists and accepted terms of surrender which are humiliating. They have asked the Czechoslovak people "to be willing slaves of the fascist occupation troops of the Soviet revisionists".

But the people of Czechoslovakia and the rest of the world are being educated by all this. They can see more clearly now the true face of revisionist betrayal and are stepping up their struggle against modern revisionism, and U.S. imperialism. In this they have the full support of the Chinese people.

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"ENGINEERS STRIKE CALL"

THE A.E.F. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

On the eve of the 100th T.U.C. Congress, the A.E.F. National Committee, the rank and file policy making body for 1,250,000 Engineers met at Blackpool to decide the course of action to be taken in pursuit of the Engineers long outstanding wages and holiday claim.

The Committee, after a long-hard hitting debate, decided to use trade unionism's most powerful weapon, that of an "all out strike".

The decision of the National Committee in instructing the A.E.F. Executive Council to call a National Strike, commencing September 23rd, until a settlement is reached, satisfactory to the National Committee, will have profound and widespread repercussions throughout the Engineering Industry and the Trade Union Movement as a whole.

It is of great significance, that the Engineers Strike call confounded all the trade union and political commentators for weeks leading up to the recalled meeting, the press and other news media, dutifully acting on the advice given them by their class allies and collaborators, clearly revealed the contempt that the Engineering Employers and their agents had for the Engineers ability, to stand their ground and fight the arrogant attitude adopted by the employers throughout the long months of negotiations, clearly revealed their boundless faith in Social Democracy's ability to head off and hence smash any major confrontation between the most powerful section of the Trade Union Movement and the most reactionary of all alliances, that of the Engineering Employers' Federation, The Labour Government and the Social Democrats working within the union itself. Once again the Employers made the supreme error of underestimating the courage - tenacity and intellect of the working class and at the same time over-estimating the poisonous influence of Social Democracy.

cont/The Engineers decision.....

The Engineers decision demonstrates that the Employers and Government alike had not recognised the internal contradictions building up within the ranks of the Social Democrats, contradictions brought about by objective factors involved in the claim and the employers insulting offers, which in turn brought forth anger from the factories, branches and District Committees throughout the Country. As a result of these contradictions, the Social Democrats were forced to submit 3 resolutions all of which called for action, limited as it was, as against the one resolution submitted by those delegates who sought advance by means of genuine struggle against the Employers and Government alike.

In short then, the contradictions did not have to effect of leading many of the delegates away from a policy of appeasement towards the Employers and Government, but it did put them in a position of having to make tactical manoeuvres in an attempt to avert a head on collision between the two class forces'.

Realising that their arguments at Eastbourne in April of this year for "moderation" had failed to move the Employers, the Social Democrats adopted a line of counteracting demands for genuine militancy with one of Pseudo militancy, of counteracting arguments of clarity and faith in the membership with arguments of confusion and defeatism, such a line was doomed to fail, if not in the immediate then in the long-term, because it resulted in them, the Social Democrats, whether intentional or not, of resorting to arguments of denigrating the supreme authority of the National Committee to make policy and give leadership, of making accusations that the membership were not capable of waging a battle against the employers, because of their so-called "apathy" and lack of courage, the debate revealed social Democracy's greatest evil "that it seeks to destroy a worker's confidence in himself - his fellow workers and his class". This is the task that confronts Marxist-Leninist to restore that confidence and that faith.

Those who argued for "limited action" as against an all out strike demonstrated for all to see, that they were the ones who were confused - they were the ones who because of their confusion lacked the courage and they were the ones who continued to argue for support for a Labour Government, hell bent on the destruction of the Trade Union Movement as a class force.

The line taken by the Social Democrats presented a real challenge to those delegates seeking advance and progress by struggle, had it not been for the spark of Marxist-Leninism that has been painstakingly kept alight at the National Committee over the many years, refusing to be put out by the annual torrential downpour on Social Democracy then this victory would not have been forthcoming, at Blackpool this spark enabled delegates to speak loud and clear on the cardinal principle of Marxist-Leninism "That of faith in the working class to overcome all obstacles - that the working class were more powerful than any force that the employers and Government could put against them.

Marxist-Leninists and all honest workers would be foolish to underestimate the viciousness of the class enemy's reaction against the Engineers Strike Call, within hours of it being made public, the Bourgeoisie and their unprincipled hacks operating within the Trade Union Movement attacked the 31-30 Strike decision as "undemocratic", had the Democratic vote of the Engineers been in reverse, then the cause of Democracy would have been served. Once again the Bourgeoisie revealed that their Democracy and the majority vote principle is only acceptable when in defence of capitalism.

But the more these reactionaries resort to manoeuvres of betrayal, the more exposed they become - the more exposed they become the more desperate becomes their actions - such desperate actions will lead them into errors of judgement and thus leave them exposed and naked for all to see.

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The situation holds great opportunities for Marxist-Leninists and the British Working Class. The decision of the National Committee represents a major victory for progress and truth in the face of (on paper) overwhelming odds against them and it indeed proof that "those who dare to fight, dare to win". The task of Marxist-Leninists and militant workers must be to rally the workers to stand firm in support of their claims and against the threats and attacks of the Employers and Government to expose and denounce those who are at this very moment plotting the betrayal of what is potentially a Strike of great political importance in the struggle against the development of a "corporate State" in Britain, and for the development of a Revolutionary Party in Britain.

Workers must unite in all places where they labour - to stop betrayal and thus deliver a hammer-like blow against Social Democracy.

The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) salutes the decision of the A.E.F. National Committee and pledges its full support to the Engineers struggle.

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This report was submitted by members of the Communist Party of Britain (M/L) in Birmingham who were involved in the events described.

A demonstration was organised by the Indian Workers Association, Birmingham Branch, on the 6th May on the occasion of Prime Minister Wilson's visit to the city in protest against the racist policies of the Labour Government. The police behaved in a hostile manner from the beginning. They refused to permit the demonstration to gather in a place already agreed upon and then brought up police vans and horses to seal off demonstrators in a side street until after Wilson had entered the Town Hall.

The police again behaved in an extremely provocative manner during the march and at several points used considerable force to prevent the demonstration from returning to the Town Hall where other demonstrators, including fascist groups, had been allowed to gather. The leaders of the I.W.A. demonstration decided to disperse and some of the marchers then individually returned to the Town Hall.

Some time after this, when Wilson had already left the Town Hall and demonstrators and onlookers were going home, a small number of Indian workers leaving the Square were violently pushed by the police into a side street where they were manhandled and arrested.

Evidence given in court clearly indicated that the demonstration was already over when the arrests took place. Prosecuting council could not even prove that slogans were being shouted at the time of the police attack. Further evidence made it clear that the Indian workers had been arrested not for any offence committed but rather for their participation in the demonstration and in the case of two of those charged, A.S. Joughl and J. Joshi, for the leading role they have played in organising the Indian community to combat racialism.

This point became quite obvious as the prosecuting council could produce only the most trivial evidence in terms of the provocative nature of the slogans shouted during the demonstration. The police considered the slogan "Black and white unite and fight" particularly offensive.

The arrests were undoubtedly an attempt to intimidate the Indian workers and deter them from organising demonstrations or initiating militant action in the future. That such was the intention is shown by the fact that two of the Indian workers were not charged until several weeks after the other arrests had taken place but immediately after the I.W.A. had publically announced their demand for an enquiry into the behaviour of the Birmingham police.

The whole attitude of the police and court in this case indicates that the ruling class whose interests they serve fears the unity of black and white workers in the common struggle against fascism. Effective organisation amongst black workers and militant unity of black and white workers will strike the vicious weapon of racialism from the hands of the ruling class and their agents.

Police Indict Themselves in T.V. Programme

After trying to have a BBC television programme on the subject of racial prejudice among the police cancelled altogether, police authorities attempted to disrupt the programme when it was screened after a postponement by introducing a surprise witness.

In the course of the programme the three representatives of the police blandly admitted that since there was racial prejudice in British society and since the police force was a cross-section of that society, there was inevitably racial prejudice among the police. They might as well have stated that since there is a criminal element in British Society one might expect there to be a criminal element among the police.

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(3) Undoubtedly there is racial prejudice in British society but ordinary members of society do not have the right to arrest, to manhandle and to lock up. What one had a right to expect from the representatives of the police on this programme and did not get was an expression of deep concern about the existence of racial prejudice among the police and a determination to root it out.

Meanwhile, three black people, arrested by the police just before the T.V. programme was scheduled in order, it is widely believed, to enable the police to argue for the cancellation of the programme on the grounds that their relations with black people had then become sub judice, have been locked up for four weeks in Brixton Prison - virtually condemned and convicted without trial on a cooked-up charge of "uttering writing threatening to kill police officers in Hyde Park".

One of the three men, Obi Egbura, is a well known author and playwright who has taken a militant stand against police frame-ups of black people. This move on the part of the Metropolitan Police is not directed simply at the Black Panther Movement of which these men are members but at all black workers who take up the struggle against racialism.

DOUBLE VICTORY AT INJECTION MOULDERS

In Bulletin No. 5 there was a premature announcement of the successful conclusion of the strike by the workers at Injection Moulders. The employers had agreed to a settlement based on an increase in the basic rate, mutually agreed bonus time, a three-shift as opposed to the old two-shift system, concessions in respect to amenities and a return to work for all with no victimisation.

On Sunday the 11th August the workers held a social at the Trades and Labour Hall in Willesden to celebrate their victory with those who had stood by them in their seven week strike. It was assumed that they would be returning to work on the following Monday.

What had not been reckoned with was the employer's suddenly going back on certain important parts of the agreement when they found that blacklegs in the factory who had refused to support the strike saw a chance to cash in on the new rates of pay if the old shift conditions were maintained.

The workers did not go back and the strike was resumed. The employers seemed to be still gambling on the fact that outside support for workers who were mainly Pakistanis, Indians and West Indians would not be sustained. There is a report that one of the managers urged a convenor in a plant to which Injection Moulders supplies components to ignore the strike on the ground that the workers were only blacks.

Be that as it may, the trade union representatives negotiating on behalf of the men walked out of a meeting with the intransigent employers and reported their refusal to implement the agreement to the Employers Federation.

It gives us great satisfaction to be able to report that the workers at Injection Moulders did return to work on August 22nd with all their major demands fully met. We congratulate them on their victory and salute all those fellow workers who supported them in their militant action.

This very important strike and its successful conclusion demonstrates clearly that the right way to oppose racialism in whatever form is by the united struggle of workers black and white against their common class enemy.

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SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN HOUSING

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HOW TO COMPLETE A SOMERSAULT WITHOUT MOVING AN INCH!

A year ago the Labour Council of the borough of Camden increased council rents. The reasons they gave for doing this were identical to those the previous Tory Council gave when they introduced their infamous rent increases of 1960. If we sweep away the excess verblage, or rather "garbage" of excuses it becomes quite clear that what both Tory and Labour have in common is their preparedness to dance to the moneylenders tune and squeeze every penny they can get out of the Council Tenants. To those who refused to pay in both cases the answer was the same "Pay up or we evict".

Needless to say, at the last Local Election the proverbial electoral pendulum gave its usual shudder and yet another Tory Council was returned. Now once again Camden Council Tenants are facing a rent increase due in October.

When this was announced a storm broke loose from the Labour Councillors. We understand the Labour slogan for the next election is "A Labour rent increase is the genuine article, Buy no other!" The Labour Spokesman on Housing Alderman Mrs. Miller stated in the local press that Labour Councillors would support tenants in their fight against rent increases, but warned them against a rent strike.

Those outer bastions of democracy the King Street revisionists have also been trying their hand at a little third rate juggling. When the Labour Council increased rents the local revisionists raised a small squeak of protest. In contrast it was more like a roar that issued from their throats when the St. Pancras (Camden) United Tenants Association advised Tenants not to pay the increase and pointed out that neither Labour or Tory would solve the tenants' problems. As the revisionists in the U.T.A. said (before they left its ranks) Labour was better than Tory and the U.T.A. stand would rock the electoral boat!

It will not surprise our readers to know that since the Tory decision to raise the rents the revisionists have found their voice again and are calling on tenants to protest, etc., but at the same time ignoring the long established and militant U.T.A. Thus they are, in practice, attempting to split the tenants movement.

Tenants must be united under the leadership of the U.T.A. in refusing categorically to pay any rent increases, whether initiated by a Tory or Labour Council. The vast majority of the tenants are workers whose pay has been frozen by the Labour Government. Rent increases are thus, in fact, pay cuts. They are just one more way in which the Labour and Tory Parties collaborate in transferring money from the pockets of workers into those of the capitalist class.

The U.T.A. will gain the support of tenants for mass action on the basis of demonstrating that changing the colour of a local council from Tory to Labour and back to Tory does not alter their own conditions at all - since both parties faithfully serve the interest of finance capitalists and landlords, private and public. At the same time they will expose the revisionists of the C.P.G.B. who persist in playing the boss class's game of wasting the energies of tenants in supporting one side or the other in meaningless elections instead of mobilising them for an all-out attack on the whole local government set-up every time it does the boss class's bidding.

If the Council complains that rent increases are due to outside pressures, that's their problem - not the tenants. It is not the responsibility of tenants to make the capitalist system work.

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SUPPORT ZIMBABWE LIBERATION WAR: OPPOSE ANGLO-AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

The national liberation struggle in Zimbabwe against the forces of Anglo-American imperialism has taken an encouraging turn recently. News of successful guerrilla encounters against the Southern Rhodesian and South African colonial troops in July have been most encouraging. The Sunday Telegraph could find only gloom in its assessment that the freedom fighters have improved in numbers and quality. But we who are fighting the same enemy in Britain are delighted by their success in wiping out colonial troops and we pledge our support to the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army. They have a hard and long struggle ahead of them. That they are studying Mao's writings is a hopeful sign as is the fact that they recognise who their main enemy is: not just the fascist regime of Ian Smith or Vorster - but Anglo-American imperialism. This is a great step forward since the days when so-called nationalist opinion, encouraged by British Social democrats and revisionists, demanded nothing more than "One Man, One Vote" from Whithall.

But the great leap forward made by Zimbabwe freedom fighters is not matched by any equal leap in understanding or solidarity on the part of those ostensibly concerned in Britain. It is high time that the kind of nonsense being preached by such organisations as Movement for Colonial Freedom (dominated by stalwarts of the Labour Party and C.P.G.B.) should be exposed. At a recent conference, July 28th, on the subject at which a prominent trade union leader endorsed it, a resolution was passed which typifies the kind of stupidity at best and treachery at worst that we have to overcome. The resolution tries in an opportunistic way to show support for the armed struggle of the Zimbabwe people but in a way as to make this support meaningless because it urges the British Government "to recognise the legitimate aims of the guerrilla fighters..." It also calls upon United Nations, that arch reactionary organisation dominated by U.S. imperialism, to implement resolutions enforcing sanctions.

While quite a lot of people can see through the United Nations there are many, in the ranks of the working class and intelligentsia, who cannot see the absurdity of asking the Labour Government which is upholding British imperialism, to give support to those who are engaged in a life-and-death struggle against British Imperialism. It is like asking a butcher to join Vegetarians in stopping the killing of animals. The Labour Government has contradictions with the Ian Smith regime not over principle but over details. While the latter want a bigger cut of the profits being made by the Anglo-American monopolies out of the riches of Southern Rhodesia and the brutal suppression of the African people who are regarded as simply an endless source of cheap labour, the Labour Government is anxious to maintain a facade of respectability which will enable British imperialism to operate profitably longer. But behind Ian Smith is the power of the City of London and the might of the British state. To see Wilson as a possible champion of the Zimbabwe liberation struggle is the height of the double-talk which has made the so-called leftists in the Labour Party and the revisionist rump masquerading as a communist party notorious in the ranks of all those who are concerned with destroying British imperialism.

To demand the sending of British troops to overthrow the Smith regime is akin to those who support Soviet action against the Dubcek clique. Ian Smith, Vorster, Salazar are the B team. Behind them is the A team of Anglo-American imperialism. The Labour Government may be shedding crocodile tears over the detention and execution of Zimbabwe patriots by the Smith fascists and the Privy Council is very stern about "illegalities". However, it should be remembered that Southern Rhodesia is a colony of British imperialism and merely to castigate the Smith fascist government while remaining mute about the role of British imperialism is to forget that many of those detained and awaiting execution or long prison sentences were arrested by the British colonial administration according to the 1961 Constitution and the 1960 Emergency Powers Act.

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When British troops are sent to Southern Rhodesia they will go to protect British imperialism not to liberate the Africans.

Let us stop supporting such imbecility. Let us proclaim our solidarity with and work to implement the declaration like the most recent made by the Zimbabwe African National Union from its Dar Es Salaam headquarters on August 20th.

"Down with Anglo-American imperialism and its NATO allies which are supporting the oppressive regime in Southern Africa!"

"Long live the people's struggle!"

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To Detective Superintendent

58) This report concerns the September, 1968 edition of a publication issued by the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist Leninist) which in an article on page 6, under the heading "Police Indict Themselves in T.V. Programme", makes reference to Obi Benedict EGBUNA and two other men who are at present in custody awaiting trial at the Central Criminal Court.

59) The programme referred to was scheduled to be seen on television on 26th July, 1968 but was not in fact shown until 9th August, 1968. EGBUNA was arrested with Gideon Turagalevu DOLO and Peter MARTIN on 25th July, 1968.

60) The article in question is concerned with alleged racial prejudice among the Police and states that EGBUNA and the other two men were arrested to enable the Police to argue for the cancellation of the television programme. It goes on to state that the charge against them was 'Cooked-up' and that they were virtually condemned and convicted without a trial for uttering a writing threatening to kill police officers in Hyde Park.

61) Mr. HOPKIN, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, was informed of this matter by telephone and the question of a prosecution for contempt of Court was discussed. Mr. HOPKIN asked to be furnished with a copy of the above mentioned publication which incidentally contravenes the Newspapers, Printers and Reading Rooms Repeal Act 1869, by omitting the name of the printer from the pamphlet.

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